

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

The following listing of claims will replace all previous versions and listings of claims.

1. (Currently Amended) A garment hanger comprising:

at least one generally arcuate member having a first end and at least one second end; and

at least one generally spherical-shaped member,

wherein said at least one generally spherical-shaped member is carried proximate to said at least one second end of said at least one generally arcuate member and ~~said at least one generally spherical-shaped member receives and supports the garment~~ wherein said at least one generally arcuate member comprises an s-shape member with said first end being generally down-turned and at least one second end being generally up-turned.

2. (Original) The hanger of claim 1, wherein said first end of said at least one arcuate member defines a generally hook-shape.

3. (Original) The hanger of claim 1, wherein said at least one generally spherical-shaped member is a ball at least approximately two inches in diameter.

4. (Original) The hanger of claim 1, wherein said hanger is formed from a moldable material.

5. (Original) The hanger of claim 1, wherein said at least one generally arcuate member and said at least one generally spherical-shaped member are integrally molded.

6. (Original) The hanger of claim 1, further comprising at least one generally non-slip surface carried by said at least one generally spherical-shaped member.

7. (Original) The hanger of claim 1, wherein said at least one generally spherical-shaped member comprises a material selected from the group consisting of plastics and elastomers.

8. (Original) The hanger of claim 7, wherein said material comprises expanded polystyrene.

9. (Original) The hanger of claim 1, wherein said at least one generally spherical-shaped member carries a plurality of surface protrusions.

10. (Original) The hanger of claim 1, further comprising means for fixably attaching said at least one generally spherical-shaped member to said at least one generally arcuate member.

11. (Original) The hanger of claim 2, wherein said generally hook shape of said first end of said at least one generally arcuate member comprises a section having substantially flat surfaces defining at least a portion of said hook shape.

12. (Currently Amended) The hanger of claim 11, wherein said arcuate hook shape has at least one generally hemispherical indent therein, ~~whereby said generally hemispherical indent serves to stabilize said hanger facing forward when positioned on an external support~~ said generally hemispherical indent being medially disposed along a length of said arcuate hook shape and said generally hemispherical indent having a radius of curvature less than a radius of curvature of said arcuate hook shape.

13. (Original) A method of hanging an object comprising the steps of:

- a) obtaining an arcuate hanger having a first end, a second end and a ball-shaped support carried at said first end thereof;
- b) hanging said second end of said arcuate hanger on an external support; and
- c) hanging an object on said ball-shaped support of said arcuate hanger.

14. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 13, wherein said ~~ball-shaped support is at least approximately two inches in diameter~~ second end of said arcuate hanger comprises an indent medially disposed therein, said indent having a radius of curvature smaller than a radius or curvature of said second end.

15. (Original) The method of claim 13, wherein said ball-shaped support has a non-slip surface thereon, and further comprising the following step:

d) positioning a garment over and substantially covering the surface of said ball-shaped support for retention thereby.

16. (Currently Amended) A clothes hanging apparatus comprising:

a plurality of hanging arms, each comprising a ball end, an arcuate shaft, and a hanging end, wherein each of said plurality of hanging arms is connected to at least one adjacent one of said plurality of hanging arms by an integrally formed connecting rod; and

~~means for interconnecting said plurality of hanging arms.~~

17. (Currently Amended) The clothes hanging apparatus of claim 16, wherein each said ~~means for interconnecting comprises at least one~~ connecting rod is fixedly disposed generally perpendicular to a longitudinal axis of said arcuate shaft.

18. (Currently Amended) A garment hanging device comprising:

a generally planar support frame;

~~at least one~~ a plurality of extension arms, each having a first end and a second end, wherein said first end is secured to said support frame; and

at least one ball attached to said second end, ~~wherein the garment hangs on said at least one ball.~~

19. (Currently Amended) The garment hanger of claim 18, wherein said ~~at least one~~ plurality of extension arms comprises at least one upper extension arm and at least one lower extension arm, and wherein said at least one ball comprises at least one upper ball attached to said at least

one upper extension arm and at least one lower ball attached to said at least one lower extension arm, wherein said at least one upper extension arm and said lower extension arm have at least one of different lengths and different angular orientation with respect to said generally planar support frame.

20. (Currently Amended) The garment hanging device of claim 19, wherein said support frame is secured to a surface and said at least one upper ball extends a distance ~~approximately a diameter~~ beyond a distal surface of said at least one lower ball in a direction away from the surface, wherein said distance is approximately equal to a diameter of said at least one upper ball.

21. (Original) The garment hanger of claim 18, further comprising at least one ball attached proximate said first end and at least one ball attached between said first end and said second end approximately midway therebetween.